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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft;

Please add this letter to the many thousands of others which you have undoubtedly received in support of the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. There is no doubt that his settlement will benefit the stability and strength of the American economy.

It is my understanding that the settlement terms, while harsh, have been agreed to by Microsoft in order that bring final closure to this three year affair. It has been costly, time consuming, and a serious distraction to the entire technology industry.

You and your department have seen the need to bring this saga to a close, and you are to be applauded for doing so.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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cc. Strom Thurmond